

IL ROUTE 64 PROJECT UPDATE NOTICE

June 21, 2012



This notice will provide a brief update for all of the construction projects taking place along the IL Rt. 64 corridor through St. Charles. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact James Bernahl, Public Works Engineering Division Manager, at 630-377-4486.

IL Route 64 and Oak Street Intersection Improvement:

- This week the contractor will continue to remove the existing curb, gutter and sidewalks in preparation for the roadway widening on the south side of West Main Street. In addition, various storm sewer crossings have been completed and fire hydrants have been installed.
- Beginning next week the contractor will begin abandoning existing fire hydrants along the south side of West Main Street. As part of this work, temporary water main shut downs will occur. Those properties affected by this work will be given notice prior to the scheduled water main shut downs.
- Next week the contractor will continue the installation of various new fire hydrants and excavating for the widened pavement. In addition, the placement of the stone base for the new pavement will begin to be placed.
- Access to Oak Street will remain open during construction activities, but periodic delays may be encountered.
- NICOR gas will be lowering an existing gas main at the southeast corner of West Main Street and Oak St. beginning in the next few weeks. This work is expected to take approximately one week to complete.
- No weekend work is scheduled at this time and all work shall be performed within normal construction hours, typically 7:00am to 5:30pm.
- While driving through the project limits, please use caution and be alert for turning vehicles and construction equipment and workers entering and leaving the designated construction areas.

IL Route 64 Traffic Signal Modernization and Improvement Program (7th Street to 7th Avenue):

- The City has recently been advised that IDOT is in the process of awarding the contract to Thorn Electric for the modernization and improvement to the existing traffic signals

along Main Street from 7th Street to 7th Avenue. This program involves the replacement of the existing traffic signals, installation of new pedestrian count down signals, utilization of LED components for energy cost savings, and improved traffic signal interconnect components.

- A pre-construction meeting with IDOT has been scheduled for June 25, 2012. More information about the construction schedule will be presented as this information becomes available.

IL Route 64 (7th Avenue to IL Route 59):

Please be advised that temporary movement restrictions and road closures may be put into place by the St. Charles Police Department as deemed appropriate to improve travel times and overall safety.

Note: Although this IDOT contract has been designed in two stages, during the weekly progress meetings the project has primarily been discussed as one large project, for that reason these updates will be presented in a similar format.

East Side Project Limits (38th Avenue to IL Route 59):

- The Contractor is continuing the installation of box culvert crossings and storm sewer work near the intersection of Powis Road and East Main Street. This work is expected to continue for the next few weeks.
- Meade Electric will continue to work on the installation of the temporary traffic signals throughout the project. Meade will also be working on the adjustment of an existing electrical vault on Smith Road just north of East Main Street. Once this work is completed the contractor will complete the remaining curb work on the east side of Smith Road and begin working on the west side.
- The contractor will continue installing bridge pile driving activities. This work is expected to continue for the next few months as the piers are being constructed.
- Work continues at the northeast corner of the new bridge near the intersection of East Main Street and Powis Road. Numerous utility conflicts have been encountered and relocation work for these items will be required.
- The bridge contractor, Herlihy Mid Continent Co., will begin the excavation for Piers 1 and 2 beginning next week.
- Due to the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show this weekend, Martam will be installing temporary asphalt driveway aprons to assist with the vehicles entering and leaving the Pheasant Run parking lot area.

West Side Project Limits (7th Avenue to Kirk Road)

- Lane reductions near the intersection of East Main Street and Dunham Road will continue this week for work associated with the installation of the new water main on the north side of East Main Street. The construction limits for this work are from Dunham Road heading east for approximately 1,000 feet. The contractor is expecting to begin this installation work on June 25th. During this work, lane reductions will be required and motorists can expect delays during normal business hours. Due to the lane reductions, west bound traffic looking to make a southbound movement onto Industrial Drivers are

strongly encouraged to utilize alternative routes, i.e. Kirk Road to Production Drive, to eliminate longer than normal delays. IDOT will be notifying the surrounding businesses regarding the reduction of the left turn lane and the expected delays to help reduce traffic congestion.

- Two crews continue to work on the installation of the new water main from 7th Avenue towards Hunt Club Drive. Work has progressed at a good pace and the contractor has begun filling and testing these new sections of water main. Once completed and accepted by the City, the contractor will begin installing new water services to the new water main. During this relocation activity, residents and businesses may experience water service delays. Notifications letters indicating dates and times will be delivered.
- The Contractor continues to remove the existing pavement on the south side of East Main Street and this work activity will continue for the next week.
- The contractor will continue storm sewer installation work on the south side of East Main Street. This work is currently on schedule and contractor continues to make good progress. As the installation of the new storm sewer work continues between 7th Avenue and Hunt Club Drive, access to some of the residential roads on the south side of East Main Street will be temporarily closed.
- The contractor is expecting to begin the grinding of the asphalt roadway from 13th Ave. towards Dunham Rd. by the end of the week.

Note: Please be advised that the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show will be taking place over the weekend so commuters will want to take precautions while traversing this corridor. The contractor will be installing temporary asphalt driveway aprons to assist with the vehicles entering and leaving the Pheasant Run parking lot area.